AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A data exchange system over a data transfer network (2) between a receiver station (6) and a data (I*) server (4) with conditional access, in which the data exchanges over the network (2) are managed and authorized by a control server (20), ~~characterized in that~~wherein said control server (20) is associated with:

- means for access to at least two different management servers (14);

- automatic means (7, 22, 24) forming a catalog of usable access instruments accessible by a user of said receiver station (6) for the selection, by this user, of one of these access instruments, each of said access instruments being associated with a respective user management server (14);

- means for exchanging information with the user management server (14) associated with the selected access instrument;

- automatic means (26) for determining corresponding parameters for control of the data exchanges over said network (2); and

- automatic means (28) of data exchange control over this network (2) according to the parameters thus determined.

2. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means forming a catalog of usable access instruments comprise:

- storage means (22) comprising a predetermined list of access instruments (10) authorized for access to said conditional access data (I*);

- data acquisition means (7, 9) relating to the constitution and operation of the system and of the elements composing it; and

- means (24) of establishment of the catalog of at least two usable access instruments from at least said list of authorized instruments and of said acquired data relating to the system.

3. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said acquisition means comprise means of analysis (7) of the receiver station, suitable for delivering:

- data relating to the nature of the receiver station (6); and/or

- data relating to the exchange capabilities of the receiver station (6).

4. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said acquisition means comprise

means of connection (9) between the receiver station (6) and the network, suitable for delivering:

- data relating to the means of connection between the receiver station (6) and the network (2); and/or

- data relating to the time of the exchanges.

5. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said control server (20) is associated with means (36) of remote interrogation of said connection means (9) to obtain said data.

6. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means (26) of determining the exchange control parameters are connected to means (22) of storing data concerning conditions of access to said data with conditional access (I*) and to means (16) of storing exchange authorization data (18) associated with the selected access instrument to establish said exchange control parameters.

7. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means (26) of determination of the exchange control parameters are also connected to means (8) of supervision of the operation of the receiver station (6), in order to receive, from said means, data relating to the state of activity and/or to the operation of said receiver station (6).

8. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means (8) of supervision are formed by software means initially stored in the system and transmitted to said receiver station (6) on which they reside throughout the data exchanges.

9. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said exchange authorization data associated with the selected access instrument (10) correspond to one of the elements in the group consisting:

- of temporal credit data;

- of monetary credit data;

- of fixed charge credit data;

- of data volume credit data; and

- of billing data.

10. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it comprises a user management server (14) <u>associated with the selected access instrument (10)</u> comprising at least one database (16) containing said exchange authorization data associated with the access instruments (10).

11. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said user management server is a

server of a provider of access to said data transfer network (2)

connecting said receiver station (6) to said network (2).

12. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim

10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said user management server (14)

is a server controlling the physical means of connection of the

receiver station (6) to the data transfer network (2).

13. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim

10, ~~characterized in that it~~further comprises:

means of determining a user identifier (12) associated with

said access instruments (10) in order to allow the identification

by said user management server (14) of a corresponding user

account.

14. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim

13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means of determining a user

identifier (12) are automatic means of identification of the

receiver station (6).

15. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim

13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said means of determining a user

identifier (12) are means of manually inputting an identifier.

16. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it comprises means (19) of debiting said exchange authorization data (18), associated, thanks to said user identifiers (12), with said used access instrument (10), in order to debit these data (18) according to the data exchanges.

17. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said debiting means comprise a telephone debiting server (32) connected to another network (30) of the telephone type, said server (32) being accessible by said control server (20), through a programmable call controller (34) and the user management server (14).

18. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said data exchange control means (28) are suitable for being interposed between said data server (4) and said receiver station (6) in order directly to control all the data exchanges between them.

19. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said data exchange control means (28) are interrogated periodically by said receiver station (6) in order to transmit to it or not an authorization for access to the data of said data server (4).

20. (new) A system for controlling the exchange of data between entities on a network, the system comprising:

a receiver station for the viewing content of instruments stored on a network;

a data server, the data server containing instruments to be retrieved for viewing;

at least two separate management servers for storing access instruments thereon, each of the access instruments being associated with a respective management server; and

a control server for controlling the exchange between the receiver station and the data server via a catalogue of usable access instruments retrieved from the at least two separate management servers, the control server determining a data exchange between the receiver station and the data server based on exchange control parameters of a selected access instrument,

wherein the selected access instrument is selected by the user of the receiver station from the catalog of usable access instruments.